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Serial No.: 10/645,739  
Filing Date: August 21, 2003  
Group Art Unit: 3743  
Title: **BONE ANCHOR SYSTEM**

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**SECOND REQUEST FOR STATUS**

Please advise the status of the above-identified patent application. The Filing Receipt was received November 20, 2003. Applicant previously mailed a Request For Status on November 8, 2004. A Status Reply Letter received by Applicant on January 24, 2005 indicated that the expected date for action on this application was September 24, 2005. Applicant is currently awaiting a first Office Action.

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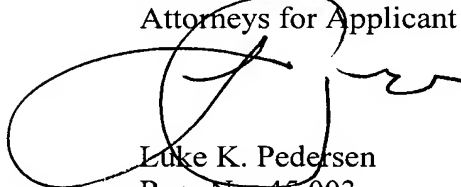
REMARKS

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(1), it has been over fourteen months since the filing date of this Application and a Notification under 35 U.S.C. § 132 has not been received. Thus, a period of adjustment of patent term due to examination delay is accruing in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1).

If there are any matters that can be cleared up through a telephone conversation, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

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